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The Honorable Randy McNally, Chairman  
Senate Finance, Ways and Means Committee  
307 War Memorial Building  
Nashville, Tennessee 37243

and

The Honorable Charles Sargent, Chairman  
House Finance, Ways and Means Committee  
206 War Memorial Building  
Nashville, Tennessee 37243

Dear Chairmen:

Pursuant to Section 9-4-5202, Tennessee Code Annotated, the State Funding Board secures a report of the estimated growth rate of the State's economy for the coming fiscal year from The University of Tennessee's Center for Business and Economic Research (CBER). A copy of this report dated March 31, 2015, is attached. This estimate is based on the projection of growth of personal income contained within the broader economic forecast derived from the Tennessee Econometric Model. A detailed discussion of the forecast is provided in An Economic Report to the Governor of the State of Tennessee, dated January 2015. This report currently can be found on UT-CBER's website. [<http://cber.bus.utk.edu/erg/erg2015.pdf>]

The statute directs the Board to determine the reasonableness of the estimated growth rate. In order to reach a conclusion as to reasonableness, the Board met on April 15, 2015, to discuss the estimate and the economic forecast from which it was derived. The Board was assisted in the effort by a staff paper prepared by Mr. William Wood, Budget Analyst in the Office of the Comptroller. This staff analysis, attached for your information, compares gross domestic product estimates produced by CBER with the estimates produced by other economic forecasting agencies as well as evaluates current economic conditions and trends via outside forecasts. The staff analysis and CBER's report on the estimated growth rate will be available

on the Comptroller's website under "Investor Information- Investor Updates-Fiscal Year 7/1/14-6/30/15". [<http://www.comptroller.tn.gov/SL/InvestorUpdatefy.asp>]

After carefully reviewing the report and staff paper and discussing the forecast, the Board has directed me to convey to you our determination. The Board finds that the following estimates of growth rate in Tennessee nominal personal income are not unreasonable:

- determined at 4.00% for fiscal year 2015;
- determined at 4.24% for calendar year 2015; and
- determined at 4.38% for calendar year 2016.

Also, attached is a list of state tax and non-tax revenue sources as approved by the State Attorney General as of April 15, 2015.

Sincerely,



Justin P. Wilson, Secretary  
Tennessee State Funding Board

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